

Board of Education Minutes  
May 23, 2018

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Shaw Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Mathwich, Ms. Welborn, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Community Relations – The North Stonington Education Foundation race is Saturday. The grant reception will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The parade is Monday.
5. Presentations – a. Managed Print Services – Mr. Pont explained that he met with Connecticut Business Systems (CBS) about print services. He reviewed printing data from May 2017 to May 2018. Questions were asked and answered. He reviewed the amount spent on toner and the number of pages printed. There was comment from Board members and administration. He gave CBS' company background. He gave a cost comparison for our current way of purchasing and usage and going with CBS' service. Mr. Pont had further explanation. Questions were asked and answered.  
  
b. Department of Emergency Management – Mr. Gary Baron, Director of Emergency Management for North Stonington, gave his background and said he has been the director for six years. He said this is a sworn state position. He reports directly to the first selectman and he explained why. A statewide drill is coming up on June 16<sup>th</sup>. He was hoping the new center would be ready for that so it could be held there. He gave some examples of when the emergency operation center would go into effect. He had further explanation. He said our warming shelter is at Stonington High School and elaborated as to how it is run. He had further explanation of the chain-of-command and who is involved in the emergency operation center. He said we are in the state's Region 4 and gave the area that covers. Mr. Nero said he will be at the drill on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nero explained the timeframe with our all-hazard plan. Mr. Baron had further comment and explanation of the types of drills the schools practice. He spoke of ways to make the schools safer. He had further comment. There was comment and discussion.
6. Administrators' Reports –None.

On a motion by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to move Item 10c to Item

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7. Policy 6146 – Graduation Requirements – Mrs. Wagner had comment about the policy. She gave a re-cap. Mrs. St. Germain had comment on the physical education piece. She said this came from the state after a study was done by professionals. She had further comment. She said this was based on what was best for all kids. Mr. Nero had comment. Mr. Chaney had comment on the assessment data and explained the numbers due to the fact that Wheeler Middle School is no longer looked at individually. The middle school is now considered part of the high school and that skews the numbers. He had further comment. Ms. Welborn made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mathwich to approve Policy 6146, Graduation Requirements. There was comment and questions from Board members. There was discussion. There were further questions asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Administrative – a. Minutes – May 9, 2018 – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2018, meeting. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Correspondence – None.

c. Personnel – None.

9. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero had comment on the meetings he has been having with construction personnel and the meetings the business manager has been attending. He spoke of the new web page for the project. He talked to Eagle Environmental today and he elaborated. At the town meeting, it was voted to pay the PCB expenses. Mr. Nero said we have one more series of testing. There is no PTO meeting until September.

b. BOE Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner said the town meeting went well. The budget presentation went well and she elaborated. The mil rate is only going up .2. We were not able to have the workshop and she elaborated. They spoke about getting together informally with Preston and Voluntown and she elaborated. There was discussion. She would like a transportation subcommittee to be set up. She passed out a draft agenda for the future. She spoke of talking to administration about bringing the sixth grade to the elementary school. She said the reimbursement for the PCB's is going in the PSPBC money and she elaborated. There was discussion. Board members had comment.

c. Committee Chairperson – None.

d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – None.

e. PSPBC Liaison – None.

f. School Modernization Building Committee – Covered under Superintendent's Report.

10. Finance - a. April 2018 Financial Statements – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to accept the Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2018. There was comment. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Transfer Request – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of \$141.50 from middle school professional development to middle school science for the purchase of supplies.
11. Old Business – a. Environmental Concerns – Covered above in Superintendent’s Report.
  - b. 2018-2019 Proposed Education Budget – No further action.
  - d. Board of Education Goals – Covered in BOE Chairperson Report.
  - e. Board Members Concerns/Topics of Discussion – None.
12. New Business – a. June Meeting Schedule – The meeting schedule will stay as scheduled with meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.
13. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. is the meeting with the Athletic Director, 6:15 p.m. is the site tour, and 7:00 p.m. is the Board meeting.
  - b. Committee Action List – None.
14. Public Comment – None.
15. Proposed for Executive Session – None.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to  
The Board of Education